

**NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC INFORMATION NETWORK**

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TO ALL NIBIN PARTNERS:

As final preparations are being made to secure the necessary funding for the unified NIBIN Program, the Executive Board would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a program update.

Since the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) regarding NIBIN operations was executed in December 1999, the FBI and ATF program offices have been focusing their efforts on developing the necessary infrastructure to support the program.

Although the proposed 24-month schedule for deployment of the unified system is dependent upon Fiscal Year 2001 and 2002 appropriations, steps are now being taken by both program offices to begin this ambitious undertaking.

The program offices, the FBI Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Division, and Forensic Technology Incorporated (FTI) have been working diligently to fulfill their respective responsibilities and to develop a seamless interface of the functions.

With responsibility for field operations, the ATF program office has developed a tentative schedule for deployment of the unified system. This schedule reflects the intention

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to deploy these new systems by local area priority and is based upon a number of specific criteria. These factors include population served, firearms-related crime rate, number of firearms recoveries, as well as age, condition, and usage of existing systems. Geographical locations as they relate to local area network configurations were also considered.

The ATF program office has provided the Executive Board with the detailed result of this process. After a review of this provisional schedule and the methodology used in its development, we fully endorse the proposal. We believe that it reflects a well-designed effort to provide partner agencies with the ability to share information in the most efficient manner possible. It also establishes a priority for deployment of systems to those areas in the greatest need.

Due to the fact that any number of factors such as physical space alterations, the availability of communications lines, or funding may effect the schedule, a high degree of flexibility will be required. As a result of the factors enumerated above and a multitude of others, the deployment schedule will assuredly be in constant change. Therefore, to minimize any confusion, the schedule (See attachment) is being disseminated in a generalized format. Although ATF and this Board remain confident that funding to accomplish a 24-month deployment will be achieved, the attached schedule will proceed as funding becomes available.

The Board would also like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on the progress of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG). As most of you are probably aware, the TAG is comprised of seven representatives of NIBIN IBIS and Drugfire partners who are tasked with providing this Board with technical advice. The TAG is currently examining the proposed IBIS 3.3 upgrade and other potential system enhancements. This process is designed to ultimately provide NIBIN partners with the highest quality product available.

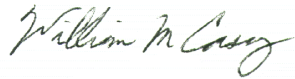
As always, your thoughts and suggestions are greatly appreciated and recognized as a vital aspect of this process. Please direct your questions or comments

regarding technical or user-related issues to TAG Chairman Terry Eaton. Questions or comments regarding the unified system configuration, deployment, maintenance, training, or support should be directed to ATF NIBIN Program Manager David Harper; and those related to system networking, support databases, or

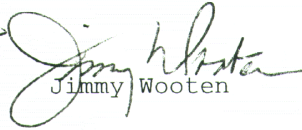
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Drugfire systems should be directed to FBI NIBIN Program Manager Frank Sauer. A contact list is attached for your convenience. In closing, this Board would like to again thank all of our NIBIN Partners for your continued support.

Sincerely,

  
William M. Casey

  
Robert W. Sibert

  
Jimmy Wooten

Attachments

DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE  
Local Area Priority

1. CALIFORNIA
2. OKLAHOMA- TEXAS
3. FLORIDA
4. CONNECTICUT-NEW YORK
5. ILLINOIS-INDIANA
6. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA-MARYLAND-VIRGINIA
7. MICHIGAN-MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA-SOUTH DAKOTA WISCONSIN
8. ARIZONA-COLORADO-NEVADA-NEW MEXICO-UTAH-WYOMING
9. OHIO-WEST VIRGINIA
10. IOWA-KANSAS-MISSOURI-NEERASKA
11. DELAWARE-NEW JERSEY-PENNSYLVANIA
12. ALABAMA-GEORGIA
13. KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE
14. ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI
15. ALASKA-GUAM-HAWAII-IDAHO-MONTANA-OREGON-WASHINGTON
16. MAINE-MASSACHUSETTS-NEW HAMPSHIRE-RHODE ISLAND  
VERMONT

NO EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED IN THE STATES OF NORTH CAROLINA  
AND SOUTH CAROLINA OR IN PUERTO RICO. THERE ARE NO DRUGFIRE  
UNITS IN PLACE IN THOSE AREAS.